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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 13, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Roberto Miranda-Lopez was sentenced yesterday in federal court in San Diego for attempting to illegally reenter the United States after deportation. United States District Judge M. James Lorenz sentenced Miranda-Lopez to serve thirty-nine months in custody, in addition to a mandatory consecutive term of twenty-four months in custody for aggravated identity theft. Judge Lorenz also ordered that Miranda-Lopez serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison.

According to court documents, on December 14, 2006, a federal jury found Miranda-Lopez guilty of attempted reentry after deportation, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1326(a) and (b), and aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A. Miranda-Lopez was a passenger in a vehicle that approached the San Ysidro, California Port of Entry from Tijuana, Mexico on March 8, 2006. Miranda-Lopez presented to U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers a resident alien

card, or “green card,” that belonged to another individual in order to attempt to enter the United States. Miranda-Lopez is a Mexican citizen who was previously deported from the United States and was previously convicted of an aggravated felony.

DEFENDANT

Case No. 06cr0706-L

Roberto Miranda-Lopez

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1326 (a) and (b) (Attempted Reentry After Deportation)
Maximum penalty: 20 years’ imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years supervised release

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A (Aggravated Identity Theft)
Mandatory 24 months’ imprisonment

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

U.S. Customs and Border Protection